



The Newsletter

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a great summer, enjoying the warmer days when they finally arrived. Fall is coming and with it new beginnings and new opportunities to expand our horizons. A warm welcome to all the newly retired teachers, you are now enjoying your year of free membership with the Calgary Retired Teachers' Association. Fall is a special time for all CRTA members - a time of transitions into new activities and new projects.

The CRTA Executive Board has completed its first meeting. We are looking forward to the Casino on September 12 and 13. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out. We are indebted to Terry Allan, who is in charge of the Casino arrangements for his commitment and dedication. The next step is to continue planning the spending of the proceeds.

There will be more immediate activities for CRTA members. Opportunities to attend theatre, CPO rehearsals and luncheons will be coming up. See the announcement in the Newsletter about a special day on October 3, when CRTA members and friends will have an opportunity to attend a Travel informa-

Upcoming Luncheons

September Luncheon

and

General Meeting

September 29, 2011

Blackfoot Inn, 5340 Blackfoot Trail SE

Luncheon 11:30 am —2:00 pm

Baron of Beef

\$25 for members \$27 non-members

Includes gratuities

Registration September 12—16

E-mail: crtaluncheon@gmail.com

Telephone: Fran Generous 403-238-4906

Gaye-Ellen Shaw 403-730-0461

Cheques, made out to CRTA, must be mailed to:

Fran Generous

132 Oakfield Place SW

Calgary SW—T2V 0J2

Payment must be received by September 23.

Any dietary restrictions should be mentioned in the e-mail or telephone message.

CRTA will accept Food Bank donations at the luncheons. Donations by cheque are welcome as well.

Sorry, no walk-ins can be accepted.

President's Message continued

Afternoon. I encourage you to sign up for these sessions if you have an interest in these areas.

The Alberta Retired Teachers' Association Board will be meeting in Edmonton on September 20, 21 and 22 to discuss board business. More ARTA meetings will be held on October 4 and 5 for the Annual General Meeting. There are several CRTA Executive Board members involved in these meetings, dedicated to advocating for retired teachers on the issues that affect their well-being.

Shortly the "Steppin'Out" Committee will be getting together to start planning the **April 27, 2012** Conference. It will be packed with opportunities for you to network, experience new learning and meet old friends over breakfast and lunch. Also be sure to mark your calendar for the **ART Show on April 28, 2012**.

I look forward to seeing you at the September 29 luncheon at the Blackfoot Inn.

Margaret Brucker

Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it to the fullest, but not so

CRTA Executive for 2011-2012

The following slate of officers and directors have indicated their willingness to lead CRTA during 2011-2012 and will be presented for approval to the general membership on September 29, 2011.

Marg Brucker	President
Gordon Cumming	Past President
Greg Chitrenky	Vice President
Don Checkley	Vice President
Barb Smith	Secretary
Paul Demers	Treasurer

Directors

Terry Allan	Juliette Hachey
Ena Beunder	Jim Nielsen
Irene Bruzga	Garry Jeffrey
Mary Checkley	Ralph Levinson
Norma Ellis	Gordon Marconi
Nick Gass	Kay Samphire
Fran Genereux	Gaye-Ellen Shaw

CRTA thanks the following members for their service on the Executive during the previous years.

Erich Berndt, Elizabeth Bourges, Myrna Clark, Shirley Holmlund, Jeannie McCauley, Kathy Newman and Lorna Solaczek.

Membership in CRTA

CRTA yearly memberships span from July 1 to June 30. We would like to thank everyone who renewed their membership for 2012 and beyond.

We would like to remind you that there are 3 methods of payment:

- On-line
- Payment at each luncheon and the "Steppin-Out" Conference
- By sending a cheque to Garry Jeffrey
Membership Director
4412 Brentwood Green NW
Calgary, AB T2L 1L4

The annual fee is \$20.00

Teachers retired June 30, 2012 receive a free membership for one year.

CRTA 50th Anniversary

On June 9th the Blackfoot Inn was the venue for the joyful celebration of the CRTA's 50th Anniversary. A committee of volunteers headed by Chuck Rose honoured former presidents of our organization, some of whom were able to attend. Our Social committee lead by Jeannie McCauley organized the luncheon complete with table surprises and door prizes. Combined with the excellent food the event was worthy of this special occasion.

The following attendees were the lucky recipients of the "Door Prizes"

Nori Ming Wool scarf by Catrina Loman
Joyce Lyster and Carolyn Docken both received Bread from Watermill Bakery
Sheena Banks and Ena Beunder Books from Logos Book Store

Anna Leinaveloer "Poet on a Cargo Plane" a book of poetry by Keith Worthington with calligraphy by Renate Worthington

Julita Kislanko Norwex gift basket from Fran Genereux

Don Williams Photo cards and scarf by Leslie McDevitt

Peggy Schiemar CRTA Luncheon certificate

Lis Solyom Two decorator pillows from Modern Country in Inglewood

Helen Borm Photo cards by Catrina Loman

Sharon Holek Blackfoot Inn gift certificate for two.

Gloria Dalton Sweetly Speaking Chocolates

Congratulations to all winners!

When visiting the business places of our generous donators, tell them where you heard about them and thank them for their generosity.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

CRTA Casino

September 12 and 13

Elbow River Inn & Casino

218—18th Avenue SE

Calgary

ARTA Benefit Plan and Travel Session

October 3

9:30 am—coffee and registration

Brentwood Baptist Church

3512 Charleswood Drive NW

Cost: \$15.00 for lunch

To register: Contact Marg Brucker at
mabrucker@shaw.ca or 403-241-0244

Deadline: September 27.

Make out your cheque to CRTA
See page 6 for further information

Combined CRTA and CBEREA Christmas Luncheon

November 30, 2011

Carriage House—9030 Macleod Trail SE

11.30 am—2.00 pm

Traditional Turkey Dinner

Entertainment by Lord Beaverbrook Choir
(Directed by Heidi Wood)

Note: The room that the Social Committee booked is larger than last year's. Eight people per table.

Look for further details in the next newsletter.

2012

"Steppin-Out" Conference

April 27

Dalton Conference Centre

The Art Show

April 28

St.Andrews United Church
Heritage Drive and Elbow Drive

CALGARY 2011-2012 SENIORS OPEN CALGARY PHILHARMONIC REHEARSALS

CRTA is once again providing the opportunity for retired teachers and their friends, family, neighbours to book and attend the CPO open rehearsals. As CPO will only book groups of ten or more you must register with a CRTA volunteer coordinator, who will make the booking. You must be 55 or over to attend.

Cost is \$10.00 payable in cash only at the door (No cheques, debit or credit cards)

To book e-mail or call as per schedule outlined below. If you and 5 friends want to attend book for 6 seats. No names required. The coordinator will tabulate the total number of seats required and forward that information to the CPO. You will **NOT** receive a confirmation.

All rehearsals begin at 10.00 am. Some are scheduled for **Thursday and some for Friday.** Rehearsals are usually over by noon, with a short break in between.

Please arrive 15 minutes ahead of time. You may wish to bring a snack, as nothing is open at the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

You must book attendance to each rehearsal separately, according to the schedule.

The coordinator prefers e-mail, but for those without computer you may call **403-251-7163** Look for more rehearsal times scheduled for 2012 in the next Newsletter or Calgary Retired Teachers on the website

<u>REHEARSAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOKING TIME</u>	<u>EMAIL REQUESTS TO</u>
<u>Beatles and Friends</u>	Friday Sept. 23	Sept. 12—16	<u>rdee1@telus.net</u>
<u>Tchaikovsky's Pathetique</u>	Thursday Oct.13	Oct. 3—7	<u>rdee1@telus.net</u>
<u>Mahler's 3rd Symphony</u>	Friday Nov.4	Oct. 24—28	<u>rdee1@telus.net</u>
<u>The Rite of Spring</u>	Friday Dec. 2	Nov. 21—26	<u>rdee1@telus.net</u>

CRTA Compassion Committee

In the previous edition of the Newsletter we announced the creation of a compassion committee. This committee received a generous gift of \$500 from Janet Patershuk, the Johnson Inc. representative, who won the VIA Rail prize at the "Steppin' Out 2010". If you need help yourself or know of a retired teacher who is in need of support, call any of the members of the committee: Jim Nielsen 403-289-3185, Shirley Holmlund 403-271-5310 or Nick Gass 403-282-6179. All requests will be handled with utmost confidentiality.

Let Us Remember Those Colleagues Who Passed Away Recently

Ester Teriff, nee Lamb	May 30	Patricia Anne Aben	July 9
John Alfred Dyer	June 4	Wilhelm Johannes Taman	July 13
Mary Colleen Monier	June 4	Patricia Jean Dorney	July 26
Carol Erickson	June 14	Carl Adomeit	August 7
Elsie Hayes	June 23	William Anthony Cassanova	August 9
Elsie Viola Stewart	July 4	Evelyn Robertson	August 20
Roberta J. McCarthy	July 6	Joan Cody	August 29

The Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) has hired Daniel Mulloy as the new ARTA Executive Director. He will begin his duties in the middle of September 2011.

Note new phone numbers for ARTA: Toll free in Canada 1-855-212-2400
 ARTA Office 780-822-2400

Calgary Retired Teachers' Association 403-214-1303. This number is monitored by a CRTA Executive member. You will be asked to leave a message.

CRTA TRAVEL NEWS

Together with Collette Vacations Mary and Don Checkley are active in exploring and organizing trips abroad. A trip to Tuscany last April was enjoyed by twenty-four retirees.

CRTA, Mary and Don presents....



Italian Lakes and Greek Islands

Featuring a 7-night Easter Mediterranean Cruise

Inside Cabin Rates: Double \$3,749 pp*

13 days - 26 Meals

*Included in price: Round Trip Air from Calgary, Port charges
 And Hotel Transfers

*Not included in price: mandatory Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges
 of \$130 (subject to change), cancellation Waiver and Insurance
 of \$350 per person

Highlights: Lago Maggiore * Como * Stresa * Greek Islands *
 Corfu * Santorini * Mykonos * Katakolon * Olympia * Venice *
Norwegian Cruise Line's Jade (inside cabin)

Date of Departure April 25, 2012.

ARTA and Ralph presents....



Discover Tuscany

Double \$2,999; Single \$3,299; Triple \$2,969*
10 Days—13 Meals

*included in price: Round Trip Air from Calgary and Hotel Transfers
* Not included in price: Mandatory Air taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$130 (subject to change), Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$300 person

Highlights: Rome * Assisi* Basilica of St.Francis * Montecatini Terme *Siena * San Gimignano * Winery Tour * Florence * Tuscan Feast * Pitti Palace

- * Visit the Academy Gallery and Michelangelo's famous statue of "David."
- * Sample delectable wines during an included wine tasting in the heart of the Chianti Region.
- * Visit the breathtaking historic city of Siena.

Date of Departure April 17, 2012

You may also contact Mary or Don 403-271-1195 or Ralph 403-926-3691

Schedule for ARTA Benefit Plan Update And Travel Session October 3 Brentwood Baptist Church 3512 Charleswood Drive NW

Cost \$15 for lunch to be paid by cheque to CRTA. Register with Marg Brucker, mabrucker@shaw.ca or 403-241-0244 **before September 27**

9:30 am coffee and registration

10:00 am till noon—ARTA Benefit Plan Update.

1.00 pm till 3:00 pm Travel Sessions.
The planned trips will be presented and questions answered.

Steppin'Out 2012

Gordon Cumming the chair of the past conferences is planning already for the next conference in April 2012. Some members of this fun, goal oriented committee have already pledged to help him. However, new "young blood" from among our membership is always welcome to lend a hand. There is a long "To Do" list. Call Gordon at 403-288-5731 or cummingg@shaw.ca

Many of our members work as volunteers for organizations in Calgary. If you want to recruit a "buddy" send a blurb about you the work you do and we may be able, space permitting, to highlight your organization.

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